

TO INVESTIGATE A LYNCHING.

Maryland Judge Tells Grand Jury to Inquire into Act of Mob.

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BELAIR, Md., May 14.—Judge Watters of the Harford County Court in his charge to the new Grand Jury to-day urged the vigorous prosecution of the men who instigated and took part in the lynching of Lewis Harris, colored, on the night of March 26. The Judge said in part:

“An assault on the law itself now confronts me, and I stand appalled. As jurors, you have forsworn all attributes of your individuality so far as it conflicts with your duty. To tolerate mob law is to endanger organized government. The community has a right to demand protection of you and me. I charge you to do your duty without fear or favor, and without regard to persons.

“When a prisoner in charge of the Sheriff is taken from jail and hanged by a mob the offense is murder; when the Sheriff himself is attacked it is war against the State. No more important case could, in my judgment, come before you. I charge you as earnestly as possible to investigate this matter fully, and I place no limit as to time or expense.”

Several persons whom rumor connects with the lynchings were in the courtroom, attentive listeners to the proceedings, and a number of well-known men are greatly disturbed over the Judge's charge.

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